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Labor gets 51 seats in election

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

With the counting of the army ballots virtually completed, Israel's final election results gave Premier Golda Meir's Labor Alignment 51 seats in the next Knesset against 39 for the opposition Likud.

The soldier voters gave a 42% majority to Likud, ensuring its 39th seat which had been in doubt. The soldiers also reduced the National Religious Party's mandate from 11 to 10 seats, a loss of two of its 12 seats in the previous Knesset. But the big surprise was the extra seat the army vote gave Mrs. Shulamit Aloni's Civil Rights list, on the ballot for the first time.

Mrs. Aloni, who broke away from the Labor Party last year to stand for election on her own will have three seats in the next Knesset, an impressive showing considering that most other splinter factions running for election for the first time failed to accumulate sufficient votes for the 1% required for a single Knesset seat. Labor's showing in the army, while less than Likud's, was good enough to retain its 51st seat which had been in doubt, according to the earlier returns.

The NRP, its numbers slightly whittled down, was no longer in quite the advantageous bargaining position with Labor that had been indicated by the earlier returns. A further weakening of its position was indicated as Labor made overtures to the Aguda-Poalei Aguda bloc to join a coalition government. But in view of Labor's loss of six seats from the previous Knesset, it was considered highly unlikely that Mrs. Meir's party would try to form a coalition without the NRP although it might threaten to do so in the course of bargaining.

Meanwhile, a prominent Labor Party figure, Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili, urged the speedy formation of a new government. Speaking on a television interview, Galili said speed was important because of the military-political situation and because the country needed a democratically elected government rather than a transitional caretaker government in the crucial Geneva talks. But Galili said he thought the old government still had authority to reach an agreement with Egypt on disengagement.

Galili, identified with the hawkish wing of the Labor Party, said he was opposed to a national unity government including Likud because Likud opposed the principle of territorial concessions. He said efforts to achieve a peace settlement should include a readiness for territorial compromise, though he warned, "We must be prepared for an Arab refusal to sign a peace agreement based on defensible borders, in which case we shall have to be ready for more political and military struggles."

This is part of the crowd estimated at 2,500 who attended the Israeli Fair at the Associated Hebrew School Sunday. At left looking over the rings are Mrs. S. Eisen and Judy Hassan. Serving them is Tzafi Hotz. The event was sponsored by 21 organizations. See story on Page seven. (D. Groskind).

$100 million is 1974 Bonds goal

TORONTO –

George A. Cohon, 1973 Emergency Israel Bond chairman, has been named chairman of the Canadian delegation of the extraordinary International Conference of Jewish leaders which will be held in Israel at the invitation of Prime Minister Golda Meir from Jan. 26 to Feb. 3. Its purpose is to inaugurate the biggest effort in Israel's history to maintain and expand the reconstruction and development of the country's economy.

Fifty Canadians will be among the nearly 500 Jewish leaders from all parts of the free world who will meet to consider the impact of the Yom Kippur War on the economy of Israel. Included will be 20 Toronto Jewish communal leaders. The conference will be sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization, the principal source of funds for the development of the country's industry and agriculture, according to the announcement made by Sam Rothberg, general chairman, Israel Bonds.

The major purpose of the International Bond Conference convened by the prime minister, according to Cohon and Rothberg, is to launch a billion dollar reconstruction and development loan to be raised through the sale of Israel Bonds in the United States and Canada and other parts of the free world. Canada's goal in 1974 is $100 million. In 1973 Canadian Jewry raised $48 million in Bonds purchas

The billion dollar program represents the largest Bond issue ever floated by the state of Israel. The government of Israel was prompted to take this action as a result of the Yom Kippur War which drained the country's economic resources and led to unexpectedly record defence expenditures.

The delegates to the Prime Minister's Conference will meet with members of the cabinet and other government officials. They will also tour major economic installations and sites for new reconstruction and development projects, in addition to visiting the battlefronts in the Sinai and Golan Heights of the recent war.

Since the first Bond issue was inaugurated in the United States in 1951 was the late David Ben-Gurion, founder and first prime minister of the independent state, the sale of Israel Bonds has produced a total of $2.7 billion, Rothberg declared. He pointed out that proceeds from Israel Bonds have helped to finance industrial expansion, irrigation, and agricultural development, exploitation of natural resources, construction of highways, housing, and harbors, and the creation of jobs for many thousands of immigrants from all parts of the world.

The general chairman also reported that following the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War sales of Israel Bonds broke all previous records. The total cash receipts for 1973 amounted to more than $500 million, as compared with $271 million in 1972.

Bank of Israel predicts slowdown in economic growth during 1974

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –

As Israel's tougher fiscal policy bites, so her economic growth will slow down. This is the trend of the "tentative" national budget for 1974 issued by the research department of the Bank of Israel.

The bank's forecast assumes the average call-up of reserves in 1974 will be five times the pre-war figure -- a total of 80,000 men. The present figures are much greater than in normal times, and if a peaceful settlement is not reached in a matter of months allowing the release of reserves, then even the most modest economic growth will not be maintained.

According to a research paper issued by the Bank of Israel, despite the shortage of labor, Israel will be able to expand exports at the rate of the past two years. The export of military hardware is expected to drop because of increased internal needs but diamonds, tourism and mining are expected to maintain pre-war levels. Other industrial exports are expected to increase by 15%.

With the exception of defence spending, public development programs are expected to be frozen at their present levels with domestic investment reduced especially in housing and in goods for private consumption.

These measures will reduce imports and inevitably cut the trade gap.

Chilean Jews seek sanctuary

LONDON (JTA) –

Six of the seven Chilean students seeking asylum in England are Jewish, it was stated here by Stanley Clinton Davis, a Labor member of Parliament and himself Jewish.

The plight of the students received world-wide attention after Britain's Home Secretary Robert Carr refused them political asylum. While the Jewishness has no direct bearing on the case the six have claimed they would face anti-Semitic and political persecution were they forced to return to Chile.

One of them claimed that the ruling junta is trying to please the Arab minority in Chile at the expense of the Jewish minority.

The six Jews were identified as: Herman Goldstein, his wife; Tonka Mimica; Luis Neuhauser, his wife; Sonia Tagele, Gregorio Melnick, and Luis Kaffman.

Memorable evening promised

Ezra Shapiro, Almogi will speak at dinner in honor of Berger

TORONTO –

Two distinguished figures will join the Toronto community in paying tribute to Stephen E. Berger as Man of the Quarter Century at the UJA dinner at the Royal York Hotel on Sunday evening, January 13.

Ezra H. Shapiro, world chairman of the United Israel Appeal, and Yosef Almogi, Israel's minister of labor and mayor-elect of Haifa, will bring official greetings from Israel, and will update Toronto on the current Israeli situation.

Almogi will report on the internal political situation and on the strategies for peace.

Shapiro will speak on world Jewry's response to the wartime crisis and on the role the Diaspora will have to play in the future.

Murray B. Koffler, chairman of the 1974 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund emergency campaign, reports there has been a tremendous response from the community for the Berger dinner.

Ezra Shapiro assumed the chairmanship of Karen Hayesod-United Israel Appeal in August, 1971. An American citizen, who now makes his home in Jerusalem, Shapiro is responsible for fund-raising on behalf of Israel in 69 countries including Canada, but excluding the United States.

No stranger to Toronto, Shapiro addressed a UJA fund-raising meeting here in February, 1972 at which time he reiterated Israel's resolve to take in as many Russian Jews as the Soviet Union would permit to leave. "Israel is prepared at all costs and circumstances to receive Russian Jews," he declared. "We will not be intimidated by Russian threats to overwhelm and imperil the economy of our country."

Joseph Almogi

Ezra Shapiro

Despite the shattering events in Israel over the past two months, the UIA's concern for incoming immigrants and other essential social needs, is still a major priority, as Shapiro will emphasize at the January 13 dinner.

Born in Poland, Yosef Almogi settled in Israel in 1930 as a member of Kibbutz Ramat Hakovesh. He was a member of the Haganа command until he joined the British army in 1938. He was a prisoner of war from 1941 to 1945 and, during the Nazi retreat in 1945, led 4,000 war prisoners to safety over a distance of 500 miles.

He has served as general secretary of the Haifa Labor Council and general secretary of Mapai.

He was elected to the fourth, fifth and sixth knessets and served in the cabinet as minister without portfolio, minister of development and housing and since, 1968 as minister of labor.

Almogi has had the awesome task of keeping the wheels of industry turning during the past few months, despite the fact that close to one-third of the labor force is in the armed forces.

50 applications received

Baeck school appoints Clevelander as director

TORONTO –

The appointment of Morris Sorin, founder and head of the well-known Agnon School of Cleveland as director of the newly formed Leo Baeck School of Toronto, brings to a dramatic close a search that encompassed the entire North American continent and lasted almost a year.

During this period well over 50 applicants, many possessing impressive academic and professional qualifications and experience presented their candidacy for the position of director of the school, opening on premises adjacent to Temple Emanu-El.

Attention was first drawn to Sorin through his article on the Agnon School, which appeared in the March 1972 issue of **The Pedagogic Reporter**, published by the American Association for Jewish Education.

Morris Sorin

Whereas the Leo Baeck School has set out to blaze a new educational trail for a liberal Jewish day school, this article indicated the Agnon School had anticipated many of the same objectives and had already put them into successful practice.

Sorin brings with him broad experience in the fields of Jewish and secular education. He has served on the faculties of Cleveland State University and St. John College. He is a former superintendent of schools, curriculum director, principal, science consultant and classroom teacher. He is the co-author of the publication **Human Resource Development: A Strategy for Change**. Sorin holds a bachelor of science in education and a master of arts in administration from Case-Western Reserve University.

He has been actively involved in developing new programs and approaches in the areas of reading, social science, elementary science, individualization in education, approaches to the open classroom and staff development. Because of his work in these areas he has been called upon to serve as a consultant and to present workshops throughout the United States. He is presently director of the Agnon School in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. The school is an innovative, inter-ideological, day school supported by the Jewish community. Sorin is married and has four daughters.

"The opening of the Leo Baeck Day School provides a unique opportunity to develop a model in the formation of future liberal day schools in North America," said David Steinhauer, executive administrator. The school draws its leadership from the four Reform congregations of Toronto.

Through its program, the school will seek to develop in its pupils a better understanding of oneself as a Jewish person with full participation in the larger Canadian society. Prime consideration in program development will be innovative approaches in the areas of integrated general and Jewish studies, language instruction in English, Hebrew and French, individual-

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Meeting discusses warm issue: Is there a kosher meat rip-off?

By RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

TORONTO –

Is the Jewish public victim of a kosher meat rip-off? A large group of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue members as well as interested men and women of the Jewish community were present at a recent meeting to learn if indeed the need for higher kosher meat prices is a myth or a reality.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda

As significant as all the information disseminated that evening was the meeting itself, as there is doubt if a similar meeting has ever taken place here before to enable Jewish housewives and their mates to learn first-hand the different processes that determine the retail price of kosher meat.

The meeting was part of the Forum '74 series of the synagogue's adult education committee. It took place at an appropriate time -- just a few days before Chanukah, a holiday dedicated to strengthen the Jewish home.

As the moderator, I opened up the discussion by relating it to the story of Chanukah, which was fought more than 2,000 years ago, for many rights of the Jew including the right to observe kashruth as a way of bringing an element of sanctity and holiness into his everyday acts of life. Coincidentally, the meeting took place just a week after the department of consumer's affairs announced a regulation making it an offence to use the word "kosher" in connection with any food unless it meets the requirements of kashruth.

A presentation by a representative of a large chain store, joined by one of the leading wholesalers of kosher meat in Toronto, taught what happens to the meat from the moment the animal is slaughtered by the shochet (who has to be paid a living wage); to the necessary inspection which guarantees it to be healthy; the amount of meat that has to be wasted because the hind quarters of the animal are not used, and the fact that the Jewish housewife is more discriminating in her choice of meat cuts. For visual effect, a steak was brought in, demonstrating the difference between the non-kosher and kosher one.

Since this entire subject is one that concerns everyone, many people participated in the discussion making statements and expressing some dissatisfaction with the situation that exists. The bulk of the questions were directed at the basic issue of why there is a differential between kosher and non-kosher meat, as well as the policy of the Canadian Jewish Congress giving certification to some establishments and not to others.

Another panel member Nachman Shemen, executive-director of the Rabbinical Va'ad Hakashruth of CJC helped explain this.

He said more kosher butcher shops are not under certification, because this is an entirely voluntary matter. When this was challenged by a representative of a Jewish butcher shop who claimed he could not get kashruth certification, Shemen pointed out that kashruth laws require certain requirements before certification can be granted and in this case these had not been met. Nor was a charge of undue expense valid, as while there is a nominal fee for the mashgiach, there have been cases when this has been waived as the need has been proven. It is fair to state that there are many Jewish meat establishments, who for their own reasons, are not willing to agree to the demands and suggestions that Congress kashruth certification requires.

While it is fair to state that not everyone was completely happy with all answers, most present felt there were logical explanations for the difference in price. It was most enlightening to hear that despite the usual claim that Jewish kosher meat prices never go down, figures to the contrary were presented; also practical suggestions made to the housewife to purchase meats according to seasonal supply and to try some of the less expensive but equally tasty cuts.

The meeting did not settle all questions regarding lower meat prices, however, there was an admission by all that the quality of kosher meat is superior.

Perhaps one answer to getting lower meat prices would be if there would be even more establishments that would be completely kosher. However, this could only come about if there is sufficient pressure from the housewife who would not be satisfied with anything less than 100%. Whether the new government legislation might be helpful in this respect is too early to tell although it is certainly a step in the right direction.

The meeting itself engendered a lot of discussion with many of the people going away more informed and better able to appreciate the difference in meat prices. It also made clear it is important to have an ongoing educational process, especially amongst the young people as to the purposes of kashruth and everything it involves.

In conversation with some of the people following the meeting it became clear there will be some grass-roots movements which will be helpful in every aspect of this situation -- prices and information. There definitely was a feeling that there is a need for more such meetings to inform the public and for a healthy change of views between "establishment policies" and those which are questioned by the laymen.

World News

Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz

Mayor Teddy Kollek

Rabbi Menachem Porush

Rabinowitz defeated

Smash upset in mayorality election in Tel Aviv among surprising results

By YITZHAK SHAGIL
and GIL SEDAN

TEL AVIV & JERUSALEM – (JTA) –

First returns in Israel's municipal elections recently showed Likud winning a smashing upset victory in Tel Aviv, a Labor stronghold for 16 years; Mayor Teddy Kollek shorn of his 16 seat majority in the Jerusalem city council and hard pressed to form a new coalition; and former Labor Minister Shmuel Almogi sweeping the Haifa mayoralty race with a 58% majority in what was viewed as a personal triumph rather than one for the Labor Party.

In Tel Aviv, the nation's largest urban centre, the Likud candidate, Gen. Shlomo Lahat, popularly known as "Tzitz", led his party to win 14 seats in the 31-member city council against 11 seats for the Labor Party ticket headed by incumbent Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz. But unless the still uncounted soldiers' vote adds to Likud's seats, Rabinowitz could remain in office if he is able to establish a coalition with the Independent Liberals and National Religious Party which won two seats each, and with the Agudah Israel which retained its single seat.

Such an alignment would give him a 16-14 working majority. Lahat was elated by his strong showing but refused to discuss the possibility of setting up a new coalition with himself as mayor. Apparently he wants to wait for the soldiers' vote which could give him a clear majority. Failing that, however, he could form a coalition with the Independent Liberals which would give him a 16-13 majority over a possible Labor-NRP combination.

The unexpected setback for Kollek who was running for a third term was attributed to the failure of most East Jerusalem Arabs to go to the polls. When the polls closed, no more than 5,000 or 12% of the 43,000 eligible voters in East Jerusalem had cast ballots. In the last municipal elections in 1969, 7,800 Arabs or 22% of the then 35,000 eligible voters went to the polls. The East Jerusalemites had been a bastion of Kollek's strength. But the 4,500 votes they gave him were, insufficient for even one extra seat in the city council.

The poor Arab turn-out, despite perfect weather and intensive efforts by all parties to bring out the vote, was attributed in large measure to fear of retaliation by Palestinian activists. The presence of television cameras at the polling stations in East Jerusalem apparently scared off many potential voters -- former citizens of Jordan who would be filmed casting ballots in an Israeli election.

Kollek, who had headed a wall-to-wall coalition which he dominated with his Labor majority, will now be forced to make substantial concessions to the minority religious parties in order to establish a governing bloc. The NRP increased its seats from three to four. The Torah Religious Front, headed by Agudist Rabbi Menachem Porush, lost one seat. The Likud, Kollek's chief opponent, gained one seat and now holds seven. Two one-man factions -- the Independent Liberals and the Merchants List -- each won a single council seat. While the final results will depend on the soldiers' vote, no substantial changes are expected.

In Haifa, the third of Israel's major cities, Almogi received 13% more votes than his party received in the Knesset balloting. As a former political disciple of the late Mayor Abba Houshi whose strong hand has been sorely missed, Almogi enjoyed immense popularity among the Haifa electorate. The city has lagged behind Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in recent years.

Its importance as the nation's largest seaport declined with the opening of the new port at Ashdod. New construction has been minimal and the Hadar business district is the same as it was 20 years ago. While tourist hotels have proliferated in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, only one luxury hotel has gone up on the famed Carmel. The city also suffers a severe pollution problem from the adjacent Haifa Bay industrial area of steel mills and oil refineries.

Clearly, local issues outweighed national ones in the municipal contests, not only in Haifa but in other cities and towns. The result was that in some Labor strongholds, Likud prevailed, and in Likud strongholds, Labor candidates emerged victorious.

Beame active in Jewish affairs

Editor's Note:

Abraham D. Beame took office last week as New York's first Jewish mayor. The following article about Beame was written by the associate editor of The Jewish Week—American Examiner of New York. Beame was elected last fall in a four-way race.

By BERNARD POSTAL

NEW YORK –

In the living room of the fourth-floor apartment in Brooklyn which Abraham David Beame gave up on Jan. 1 when he and Mrs. Beame moved into Gracie Mansion, the official residence of the mayor of New York, hung a portrait of the first Jew to be elected mayor of the city with the world's largest Jewish community.

Commissioned 20 years ago by the Crown Heights yeshiva in Brooklyn in appreciation of Beame's long service to yeshiva education, the portrait symbolizes his active role in the Jewish community.

At the time of his election Beame was a trustee of federation, a member of the national legacies committee of Yeshiva University and an officer of the Crown Heights Yeshiva.

The national education program of the Religious Zionists of America, the Hebrew Educational Society of Brooklyn, the International Synagogue at Kennedy International Airport, the Brooklyn Jewish community Council, the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and the Hillel Foundation at Brooklyn College are among the other Jewish interests of the man who never campaigned on Saturday or Jewish festivals.

The city's mayor-elect came to America as a three-month old infant who was born in London in 1906 while his immigrant parents were en route to New York.

Raised in a cold-water flat on the Lower East Side, he went to the old High School of Commerce and the "university of the poor," New York's City College.

For recreation, he was a regular at the University Settlement House where he met Mary Ingerman, whom he married in 1928 after a seven-year courtship. The same year he graduated with honors from City College and became a teacher of accountancy in the city high schools and at Rutgers University.

A political and social liberal, Beame used to attend socialist party rallies with his father, an old-line Yiddish-speaking socialist, but the future mayor was never a socialist.

The family name was originally Birnbaum but was legally changed to Beame when he was six years old.

In the early days, Beame's father owned a restaurant in which Abe and his brothers worked before and after school. Later, his father went to work as a paper-cutter foreman in a stationery factory, where Abe got his first real job.

He began his public career in 1946 as assistant to the city's budget director. In 1952, Mayor Impelliterri named him budget director, and Mayor Wagner reappointed him in 1953.

Short on physical stature, the five-foot-two Beame comes to the mayoralty as perhaps the best trained mayor in the city's history. Widely known for his encyclopedic command of the workings of the city and his tactful handling of conflicting budget demands of city departments, Beame has been fielding brickbats for years.

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Members of the Toronto Hadassah–WIZO mission to Israel pause against background of the Old City of Jerusalem. Back row, from left are Mr. and Mrs. David Peters, Mrs. M. Mendelson, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Disenhouse and Dr. Allen Small. Front, from left, are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Matlow, Mrs. L. James and Mrs. Small. The mission lasted 10 days.

'A sort of brotherhood night'

Sports dinner fast sold out

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON –

Tickets were sold out over a month ago for Hamilton's 23rd annual B'nai B'rith Sports Night to be held Jan. 21 at the Holiday Inn.

It's the big event of the year and this year's chairman, Gordon Zack, joins previous chairmen, as well as many of the celebrities who have taken part, in describing it as one of the country's best.

"It's the homely feeling others don't have" is Zack's explanation for Hamilton's success. Whatever the reason, the fact is that the local Sports Night has become one of the most popular events and over the years has attracted an astonishing roster of top flight sports personalities from all over the continent.

For some years now The Spectator has joined Viceroy Reading Lodge No. 886 in sponsoring the event, which honors The Spectator's list of Hamilton high school football all-stars. But Sports Night is the lodge's main fund-raising event of the year and this year's entire proceeds will go to Israel.

Apart from the high school footballers, a couple of old-timers will also be honored and this year's heroes of long ago will be Robert "Scotty" Rankine and Walter Fedorick, both runners in the 30s and 40s, who have participated in the "round the bay" race which, first run in 1894, is reputed to be the oldest running event in Canada. A new twist will be the honoring of a "future" – and present – hero, young baseballer Brian Ostrosser, from Stoney Creek, who played in the New York Mets organization this past season.

Among head table guests will be Jack Gotta, coach of the Grey Cup winning Ottawa Rough Riders; Clyde Gray, Canadian welterweight boxing champion; international figure skating champion Ron Shaver; Alex Hawkins, who was with the Baltimore Colts in the 60s and for the past couple of years has been making a name for himself as a CBS sports commentator; and basketball player Bob Kauffman of the Buffalo Braves.

As usual, Mayor Victor K. Copps will be present, Paul Hanover will once again act as MC and Rabbi Bernard Baskin will give the blessing. A menorah will be lit at the head table and Zack said: "Our guests are very much aware it is a Jewish function."

With at least 600 of the 700 guests estimated to be non-Jewish, Zack, a prominent Hamilton businessman, compares Sports Night to "a sort of Brotherhood night . . . It makes it possible for us to hold our heads high in the community," he said.

Kibbutz volunteers needed

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL –

The executive vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation issued an urgent call last week to young Canadian Jews to serve on kibbutzim and moshavs in order to help Israel out of its present economic hardships.

"It's very important for young persons to work in Israel," declared Dr. Leon Kronitz. "The country has never had so many soldiers on the front for such an extended period of time."

Kronitz explained that soldiers may be forced to spend the next six or seven months at the front lines. With such a large number of workers away from the agricultural and enterprise settlements, Israel's economy is "in danger."

"Without volunteers the citrus will simply rot on the ground. Some kibbutzim and moshavs have factories which can't produce, while others can't harvest their flower, grapefruit or orange crops.

"We also talk about building bridges . . . well this is one of the bridges between the Diaspora and Israel," he declared.

Dr. Kronitz stressed that Israel does not require nor accept volunteers for the army. During the Yom Kippur War, he said, many young persons wanted to volunteer in defense, but were refused. "You have to be an Israeli citizen," he said.

Kibbutzim are prepared to take in volunteers who must pay their own way to Israel. Once employed on a settlement, the kibbutz will look after any needs.

Men and women between the ages of 18 and 30 are being urged to stay in Israel for a six month period . . . but volunteers are permitted to stay for a three-month duration.

In addition to staying at a kibbutz, a young person will be able to tour the country and learn Hebrew. "We're not talking aliyah at the present," said Kronitz, "we are only calling for volunteers to stay on a limited basis."

The Canadian Zionist Federation will declare the months of February and March "Aliyah Months."

Tourism example shown by Hadassah-WIZO heads

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

Canadian Jewry is increasingly being told of the need to show solidarity with Israel through tourism. But, "how could we tell people to go to Israel without leading the way," observed Mrs. Esther Matlow. As a result, in her capacity as president of the Toronto council of Hadassah-WIZO, she spearheaded a 10 day trip which left Dec. 1.

"It was really a spontaneous reply to the call for tourism to Israel. In one and a half weeks all the arrangements were made and we left," she explained in an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News** on her return.

Two other women on the trip, Mrs. Cecily Peters, Hadassah-WIZO national chairman of life associates and chairman of UIA for Ontario, women's division, and Mrs. Mirial Small, national general secretary of Hadassah-WIZO, and national chairman UIA woman's division, concurred with Mrs. Matlow. "We knew the WIZO women in Israel were carrying a great burden and we wanted to be there to show we cared."

In order to go on this trip Mrs. Peters cancelled plans for a southern vacation and Mrs. Matlow worked feverishly on plans for her son's bar mitzvah which was held shortly after she returned.

The trip was planned to visit, specifically, their own institutions. Thus they saw creches which were operating at 10% above capacity and emergency creches that were opened by cleaning up part of a building and instantly turning it into a creche. Mrs. Peters spoke emotionally of a two-year-old boy she met who was now at one of these creches. His mother was spending all her time at the hospital with his father who was hovering between life and death.

The women, who continually stressed the economic, and perhaps even more important, the emotional need for tourism to Israel now, went on to describe another of their organization's projects they visited, Hadassim, a children and youth village near Natanya. Five recent graduates of the school were killed in the last war as well as 12 wounded and one missing in action. The parents of the soldier missing in action both teach at the school.

Since so many of the teachers are in the army as well as four being wounded and two in shock, the school is overcoming the shortage by having former students come back to teach as well as to look after extra-curricular activities. "The school is functioning normally. I think it is fantastic to keep 900 students going this way," said Mrs. Matlow.

As well, they visited Asaf Harofe Rehabilitation Hospital which is located halfway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and is another Canadian Hadassah-WIZO project boasting the only hydro therapy pool in the Middle East. After distributing gifts to the soldiers there, the driver of one of their tour cars remarked: "It is wonderful for the boys to see that people come all the way from Canada. It shows we are one people."

With the need for tourism dominant in their minds, Mrs. Peters went on to note that once you are in Israel there is a feeling of "at one and at peace. Tourists are as safe as can be, and the service is excellent throughout the country."

Mrs. Small is preparing to leave for Israel again on Jan. 21 with the first women's mission of UIA. As well, there is a trip for Toronto Hadassah-WIZO leaving on Feb. 17 for 10 days which is hooking up with the national group.

The group also noted that their up-coming convention in Winnipeg is sold out. "Everyone wants to show her solidarity in some way," Mrs. Peters said.

While in Israel, even their own group became excited when they saw tourists from England laden with parkas for the soldiers. Commented Mrs. Small, "I really felt much better being in Israel. I was terribly terribly depressed before, but I was reassured knowing they were coping and, especially when looking at the children, seeing that life goes on."

Added Mrs. Matlow, "But, life goes on with a little heavier heart."

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Acceptable alternative to Labor might have caused bigger setback

The Israeli voters might have handed the Labor coalition government a more severe setback than the loss of five or six Knesset seats had there been an alternative acceptable to them. The alternative was the Likud, a collection of opposition parties headed by Menachem Begin, the hard-liner who campaigned on a platform of no territorial concessions.

The prospect of a Begin-led government going to Geneva with a proclaimed policy of no withdrawal on the West Bank, was a most unattractive alternative to the Labor coalition, in the eyes of most Israelis. The result was predictable; a return of the Labor coalition, with Likud gaining no more than one-third of the Knesset seats.

The National Religious Party, which originally was reported to have retained the 12 seats it had in the last Knesset, ended up with 10. It still holds the balance of power and is in a position to dictate domestic policies more to its liking than those presently in force. The soldiers' vote, while it favored Likud, failed to upset the Knesset standings to any significant extent.

More emphasis on religious observances will be sought by the NRP, and this likely will create difficulties for Prime Minister Golda Meir. It is not believed the NRP will continue to insist that there be no return of any West Bank territory.

The eighth Knesset opens Jan. 21, and it promises to be one of the most critical in Israel's history. Mrs. Meir's task is an awesome one. She must bring about stability and a sense of unity at a time when the country is sharply divided on many issues.

The failure of Likud to wrest the seat of power from Labor is most significant. Had Begin won, the fragile basis for peace talks at Geneva would have been smashed.

Peace in a real, enduring sense is not going to come to the Middle East unless there is a realistic approach to the complex issues that bedevil that part of the world. Ceasefires and armistices are worthless, as recent history has so tragically shown. The Begin philosophy is outdated and potentially perilous. The Israeli voters, while far from happy with the record of the Meir government, made the right decision in refusing to oust it from power.

Syria's attitude to Jewish PoWs has lost it right to civilized status

Whether the Israelis captured by the Syrians are alive or dead is something only the Syrians know, and so far, the Damascus government has refused to issue a prisoners' list or agree to an exchange of personnel with Israel.

There are reported to be 102 Israeli soldiers held by Syria, as against 400 Syrians in Israeli hands. It has been verified beyond doubt that 68 Israeli soldiers, their hands tied behind their backs, were murdered by the Syrians soon after their capture. They were slaughtered in cold blood. Many were blindfolded before bullets were pumped into them.

The Israeli government has appealed to the conscience of the civilized world and has submitted a detailed complaint to the International Committee of the Red Cross with regard to these acts of barbarism.

Article 13 of the Geneva Convention relative to the treatment of prisoners of war has been callously breached by a government which has lost the right to call itself civilized. Israel said in advance of the Geneva peace talks that she would not sit down with the Syrian representatives unless a list of Israeli prisoners was given and Red Cross authorities were allowed to visit the prisoners. Syria's reply was that she would not attend the Geneva talks in any event; a flimsy attempt to save face.

The charges made by Israel over this butchery of helpless men taken prisoner in war -- a charge which also has been levelled against Egypt -- cries aloud for world action. The silence is deafening. There has been no massive protest, no denunciation by those nations always quick to join the Arab propaganda trumpeting against Israel.

The charges made against both Syria and Egypt have been documented, checked and double-checked. The most significant evidence of the thinking of Israel's enemies comes from a booklet published last June by the Armed Forces Command of the Egyptian Army. It was entitled, **Our Religious Belief -- Our Road to Victory**.

On page nine of this booklet is a message from the chief of the Egyptian General Staff, General Saad al Shazli, addressed to the officers and men under his command. This is what he said, referring to Israeli soldiers:

Kill them wherever you find them and be careful that they do not trick you, for they are a people of deceivers, pretending to surrender so that they may overcome you and kill you easily. Kill them and do not show any pity or mercy.

How well the Egyptian soldiers in the field carried out this exhortation to butcher wounded and helpless prisoners is shown in the formal complaint lodged by Israel with the International Red Cross. As for the Syrians, they needed no urging to commit wilful murder of their prisoners.

It is a tragic commentary on the state of international morality when monstrous crimes against humanity -- apart from the monstrous crime of war itself -- are allowed to pass without more than a shallow ripple of protest.

Saudi Arabian embargo defies treaty

An interesting sidelight to the oil embargo against the United States is the fact that Saudi Arabia, one of the leaders in the oil blackmail plot, has a bilateral treaty with the United States, guaranteeing each partner favored-nation status. This means that neither country will exact of the other trade terms harsher than those demanded of a third power.

The Saudi Arabian embargo against the United States is a cynical violation of this treaty. It is curious that Washington has not made public mention of the existence of this document now breached openly and without any possible justification.

Is this a sample of what Israel may expect if the day comes when treaties are signed with her Arab neighbors? Is her precarious future to be rendered still more precarious by treaties that her neighbors regard as scraps of paper? Treaties and Big Power guarantees are no adequate substitute for defensible borders, especially when Arab trustworthiness is suspect.

The boosting of petroleum prices by the Persian Gulf states is further evidence that the oil shortages now afflicting North America and other parts of the world, have absolutely nothing to do with Middle East politics or with Israel. The oil-rich Arab states are squeezing their customers for every dollar they can get, and they would have embarked on this exploitation no matter what change occurred in American foreign policy. As Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, said this week, the Arabs are using Israel as a clumsy pretext to mask their policy of monopolistic exploitation.

Perhaps the Kissinger diplomacy calls for a low profile in dealing with the oil embargo, for certainly it is not a stance adopted out of weakness. It is within the power of the United States to adopt measures of self-defence that would more than balance the scales. The United States cut off exports to Cuba for much less provocation than that offered by the money-bloated Persian Gulf states.

The United States may yet be compelled to retaliate against those countries that are discriminating against her. Our neighbor to the south is not going to sacrifice Israel to the Arab rulers, not only because the United States is traditionally our staunch ally, but also because surrendering to the Arabs would give fresh impetus to the Soviet ambition to obtain dominance in that part of the world. And this is something the United States cannot permit to occur.

The nations that rushed to desert Israel in the face of oil blackmail, placed expediency ahead of morality. A notable exception is the Netherlands which has firmly resisted the ruthless blackmail of Saudi Arabia and the other Arab states. The Dutch are an admirable people, as we Canadians can attest by our contacts with Dutch settlers here, and their refusal to bend the knee to these Arab profiteers and reject Israel in return for oil, is a lesson in international decency that is most heartening in these cynical times.

As the votes were being counted in the Israel elections, Likud leaders got together to await the results. From left are Arye Dulzin, Menachem Begin and Dr. Rimholt. Man at right is unidentified. They sit under portraits of Jabotinsky and Herzl. (IPPA photo).

What Really Happened

Restrictive Christian oath retrieved for one final fling

Editor's Note:
This article, the final one in oath series, failed to appear on schedule due to mechanical difficulties.

By A.J. ARNOLD

A.J. Arnold

The speedy action of Governor James Douglas in 1859 clearly indicated that the restrictive form of Christian oath was being cast into history's garbage dump of outmoded practices. In 1860, however, members of the Vancouver Island Assembly retrieved it for one last fling at their Jewish colleague, Selim Franklin.

Franklin had been appointed the first government land auctioneer for British Columbia. In the January, 1860 election he won one of the two Victoria seats in the Vancouver Island Assembly, defeating Amor de Cosmos, the **Colonist** editor and a leading opponent of the government.

As soon as Franklin was sworn in, on the opening day of the Assembly (March 1), another member, Alfred Waddington, advised the Speaker he had not taken the prescribed oath, having omitted the closing words: "and I make this declaration upon the true faith of a Christian." Franklin was immediately asked to withdraw. Later he was asked to take the oath again, which he refused. He was then barred from his seat for two more weeks.

While he was outside the House, Waddington moved a motion that a "gross attempt" had been made to secure Franklin his seat "in a manner highly derogatory to the purity, dignity and honor of this House." Moreover, Vancouver Island's Chief Justice David Cameron, was accused of "connivance" in administering an oath contrary to statute. This was part of a preamble to a proposal for a committee to investigate the case of the faulty oath. The highly charged preamble was withdrawn the next day but not before the entire matter was aired in the press.

The charge of anti-Semitism was hurled back and forth between the **Gazette** and the **Colonist**, the two competing papers. Colonist editor, de Cosmos commented in regard to Franklin: " . . . The entire Assembly except two opposed him taking his seat whilst every member repudiated intolerance."

Even after Franklin was seated by resolution, the debate on the oath continued. When the Speaker received a report on the matter from the chief justice, he was prevented from reading it into the record by Attorney General George Hunter Carey, Franklin's seat-mate from Victoria, who was supposed to be his friend. This report was ordered turned over to the investigating committee which presented its own report two days later stating: the oath "was offered to him (Franklin) in good faith by the chief justice."

The entire Assembly accepted this except Franklin who charged it "made the inference . . . that there was some underhand work with regard to (the oath)."

An earlier detailed account of the Franklin oath case was presented by David Rome in his slim volume **First Two Years** on Victoria's pioneer Jews, published in 1942. Rome claimed the Assembly members didn't want to press the issue too strongly, yet they debated it for the better part of a month.

According to Rome the chief justice said: "the oath taken by Mr. Franklin was according to law. But in other regards, apparently, Mr. Franklin was not spared . . . " The Jewish member was indeed not spared, but it was by his fellow members of the Assembly, who preferred to ignore the explicit statement of the chief justice on which David Rome gave no details. Cameron declared that any doubts about the legality of the oath administered "have no foundation and may lead to an infringement of Mr. Franklin's rights."

The chief justice also submitted a comprehensive document on the history of the oath in Britain and the colonies, citing various acts for the relief of Jews back to 1740. Cameron made it clear that in his view Jews had the right to hold public office in the colonies and to take the oath according to their conscience based on an act of the British Parliament passed in 1773. He also explained the oath problem was finally cleared up for Jews in the United Kingdom by acts passed in 1845 and 1858, the first for Jews seeking municipal office, the second to enable Lionel de Rothschild to take his House of Commons seat.

Cameron said that by the last act the oath of allegiance became one "inflicting disability on none yet varying in its words to suit the religious belief and bind the conscience" of all subjects. He stressed this act extended to every British colony, including Vancouver Island and it had no restraining clauses.

This forthright document by the chief justice was not good enough for the majority of the assembly members. They really had no intention of depriving Selim Franklin of his seat since this might bring the election of Amor de Cosmos in his place. Yet they were not prepared to concede publicly that, in this case, the law really favored Franklin.

Letters to the Editor

Orthodox rabbi clarifies his reported stand on energy situation and Shabbat driving

Dear Editor:

Telephone interviews on complex problems have invariably resulted in misunderstandings and misquotations. May I, therefore, take this means of clarifying some remarks attributed to me on the "energy crisis and Shabbat driving."

The original article pertaining to this subject which appeared in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency dealt with a purely political and, I stress, not a religious, issue. As such, it is indeed a "sensitive political issue." Briefly, the question involved is: "Shall North American Jewry unilaterally adopt a day of automobile rest to conserve energy, courting the possibility or probability of anti-Semites deliberately misreading the action as a manifest admission of Jewish responsibility for the oil crisis, or ought it wait and clamor for an all-Canadian, Jew and Gentile effort paralleling that of Holland, which places the blame where it belongs, on Arab blackmail?"

Whatever the ultimate decision reached on the above political issue, it in no way affects the Halacha which forbids driving on the Shabbat, a law to which I obviously subscribe as a Jew and as an Orthodox rabbi.

Henry Hoschander,
Toronto

World is ever silent

Dear Editor:

It seems incredible that after the events of the last few months, you would delude yourself into thinking the world will rise up in order to denounce the atrocities committed by Syria.

From what source will this condemnation come? From Japan, where anti-Semitism was rampant during World War II? From the African countries, like Zaire who accepted aid from Israel for years but who now finds her existence intolerable? Or perhaps from the Vatican, who even today talks about "international high finance being a weapon for Israel?"

One cannot escape the unhappy reflection that we cannot count on anyone to plead our case for us, and that the world is strangely silent at the constant slaughter of Jews.

Mary Goldberg,
Hamilton

Shortage overcome

Dear Editor:

It is interesting to note that the Maccabees were faced with an oil shortage just as we are. Yet with G-d's help they overcame it. It just goes to show what a little faith and "betachon in Haschem" can do for you.

Cheryl Roth,
Toronto

Kosher law delights

Dear Editor:

Delighted to hear of the announcement of the federal government's consumer affairs department, whereby non-kosher food can no longer be sold under a kosher label.

We can really be proud and grateful to our government for passing such important legislation.

Peter Bruckstein,
Willowdale

Laskin choice good

Dear Editor:

I am taking the liberty as a citizen among 21 million Canadians to personally thank Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and his Justice Minister Otto Lang in their selection of Bora Laskin to be Chief Justice of Canada's Supreme Court.

May Chief Justice Laskin have the courage and strength to bring to our courts of law greater social justice for all Canadians.

H. Max Seiden,
Toronto

Dear Editor:

The basic facts are that this war is completely different than the others we had for the last 25 years since the establishment of the Jewish state. First of all, new elements are taking an active part in making decisions about our future. This is not only a matter of oil that is affecting Israel or the Netherlands or any other country.

This problem of oil is exactly as it was in 1930 or 1940, when crazy leaders, such as Hitler and Mussolini tried to influence and decide about the future of free world, as we all remember, because they had the power to do so. And what happened we all know. A second war broke out with all the tragedy. Many of us still remember.

Now we have madmen such as Qadafi of Libya, Boumedienne of Algeria and leaders of the so-called "socialists countries," Brezhnev, Chou-en-Lai, and on the other hand, leaders of the free world, like Pompidou and Heath, which are dealing with those mad men exactly as Chamberlain did with Hitler.

Our Jewish tragedy is that we are again in the middle of conflicting problems and interests, but this time there will not be gas chambers or camps like Dachau, Auschwitz, because Israel will fight and win, if war must be a way of the solution of Israel's claim that this country -- and only this country -- belongs to us more even than England or France belongs to the French people.

At this stage I would suggest that Jews in Canada should visit Israel to show the world we are all together. This is not a question of tourism or making a holiday-trip. Those visits to Israel now are very important for all of us. I believe that if, for example, 10% of the Jews of Toronto will organize visits to Israel, this might have a tremendous influence on everyone of us over here.

Aaron Shapiro,
Vice-Mayor, City of Haifa,
Israel

ask the rabbi

Jewish amulet allowed as aid for superstitious against evil eye

1. What part does the notion of the "evil eye" play in Jewish religious belief and is there any prohibition against wearing amulets, even from different cultures, intended to ward off its effects?

It is interesting to note that in the early Jewish sources the "evil eye" does not mean a kind of magical, baneful force but a flaw of character as a result of which a man cannot bear to "see" his neighbor enjoying good fortune. It is in this sense that the term is used, for instance, in Ethics of the Fathers (2:11): Rabbi Joshua said: "The evil eye, the evil inclination and hatred of mankind put a man out of the world."

In the Babylonian Talmud, however, there are many references to the "evil eye" in the magical sense and to such things as amulets. Maimonides tends to reject the magical notion of the "evil eye" as sheer superstition and to interpret the rabbinic permission to use amulets not as a belief in their efficacy but purely for the psychological relief they can afford to one who believes in them.

The famous German authority, Rabbi David Hoffmann (1843–1921) was asked (Melammed Le-hoil, Part II, No. 63) whether it is permitted to suspend amulets in the room of a woman about to give birth. Hoffmann remarks that it is the Jewish custom to have resort to amulets of various kinds and there are references to these in the Shulchan Aruch.

Hoffmann adds: "Even one who does not believe in such things must admit that amulets can be of a psychological help to those who do believe in them and he ought not, therefore, to protest at their use."

All this applies only to "Jewish" amulets. No rabbinic authority has ever countenanced the use of amulets from "different cultures," as you put it, which almost invariably have strong idolatrous associations. If we must be superstitious let us at least be Jewishly superstitious.

Hatred shown by nations Israel helped signifies conduct has reverted to primitive

By RABBI DAVID KIRSHENBAUM

Hatred of Jews has no limit. As the waters of the ocean overflow all continents, even so is widespread enmity towards Jews over all parts of the world.

With all the theories, inquiries, interpretations and motives as to the origin of this rabid hatred -- the riddle still remains unsolved. There are nations and countries where the alleged causes are not applicable, nevertheless, they spew venom against Israel.

The enmity against Jews lies, like an undigested deadly poison, in the hearts and minds of civilized and primitive peoples alike; and this is implemented under the accursed influence of demogogic inciters and instigators. At the least opportunity, it is turned into an outbreak of filthy animosity against Jews. If there is a plausible basis to explain and philosophize regarding the verbal attacks on Jews among people and countries where Jews are more or less concentrated, on account of religious, historical, political, economic, psychological and scores of other causes -- it is absolutely beyond logic to understand the aversion towards Jews among nations and ethnic groups having in their countries almost no Jewish settlements at all.

The riddle is still greater when we reflect that loathing Jews is also prevalent among nations whom Jews helped, out of purely humanitarian motives, to build up their countries, invested millions of dollars in their socio-economic life, initiated modern progress and technique there, and with all that those peoples subsequently became wild enemies of the Jewish people and the state of Israel.

When the Black African countries had been freed from their quasi-protectors, there reigned in those countries nothing but anarchy. Drunk from the freedom that suddenly swooped down upon them -- the tribes slaughtered each other; the regimes kept on hanging; the entire African continent was roaring and seething like a flaming volcano.

When the wild, bloody revolutions and military coups gradually subsided, the government leaders realized how neglected and backward their countries were, and the majority of them turned to the young Israel state that had come into being and evoked admiration throughout the entire world. They marvelled in its remarkable achievements and developments in the short period of its existence and in its establishment of a solid state apparatus. They begged that the rejuvenated Jewish state help them introduce order into their jungle countries permeated as they were with the unbearable tropical heat.

Indeed, who is better fitted to understand and sympathize with countries just freed from oppression and appealing for help than Jews?

The state of Israel responded to the appeal of the Black African countries by sending first class experts in various social technological fields as counsellors to help develop and modernize the primitive neglected countries and to show them the way to carry on successfully the affairs of their governments.

In some of the African countries Israel invested millions of dollars in modernizing agriculture, by putting up farm collectives, building dams, roads, schools, industries, thus increasing the abundance of the fields to feed the hungry, impoverished population.

On a visit to Israel, we came across in Kibbutz Gesher Hziv in Upper Galilee, a large group of Black African students, sustained and supported by the Afro-Asiatic Institute of the Histadrut. Some of these young students were proud of their ability to speak the Hebrew they had picked up in an Ulpan. Words failed all of them to express their praise and gratitude to Israel.

Israel helped these African countries open hospitals with modern equipment to combat diseases and sent military experts to organize and train the armies there. Hundreds of African students, as well as top leaders of governments received their military training in Israel; they also went through parachute courses and were taught usage of modern weapons. Some government leaders wear proudly the "wings" they received on graduating from the Israel pilot school.

However, right after the Six Day War, unfriendly remarks against Israel began to be heard in the Black African countries. One by one they began to break off diplomatic connections with Israel. And when Egypt and Syria attacked Israel on Yom Kippur Day (Day of Atonement) the Arab and the Soviet Jew baiters found loyal partners in tens of Black African countries and the latter, completely forgetting what Israel had done for them, broke off diplomatic relations with Israel.

This is the reward Israel got from the Black African countries. This is their thanksgiving -- merciless hatred against the Jewish country and the Jewish people which had come to their succor, when they were in need of it.

The solidarity of the African countries with the bloody enemies of the Israel state and the Jewish people, their hypocrisy, treachery and ungratefulness as well as their "double bookkeeping" have manifested that their conduct reverts to the dark antiquity of primitive rule, thus surpassing the evil and corruption that have been perpetuated in the history of mankind.

It is an established fact that one of the distinctions between man and animal is that the former feels a sense of shame towards his fellow man, possesses a feeling of friendship and gratitude towards one who has stretched forth a hand of help to him in time of distress.

However, if friendship and alliances are figured and calculated on the basis of self aggrandizement, it is the most convincing sign that the rulers of those countries are deprived of just and ethical attitudes towards the downtrodden. A sense for, and approach to, uprightness and truth are foreign to them. They still belong to the times of the jungle stripe.

Rabbi Kirshenbaum is rabbi emeritus of London's Or Shalom Synagogue.

Soldier votes in recent Israeli election. The military vote failed to alter the results appreciably. The soldiers gave a 42% majority to the Likud Opposition Party. (IPPA photo)

How the shamus provided tea with...

By J.B. SALSBERG

(Third of a Series)

As you already know the Apter Shteeble in Centre Ave. and its shamus were too poor to provide much for its members, let alone for the "learners", most of whom were neither Apter nor even members of the shteeble.

Nevertheless, the shamus who did penance managed to perform a miracle every evening, a miracle that brought joy to the "learners" as well as to the occasional visitors.

The shamus served tea, with "something" on the side, to the men (and myself) who were engaged in learning. He considered it a mitzvah (command) to do so and so zealous was he in quest of mitzvoth that nothing, but nothing, could deprive him of this good deed. In his determination to do this he literally created something out of nothing.

Now, you might ask, what's so difficult in preparing a glass of tea for a small group of men? Nothing, really, if you have a burning stove, a tea kettle, a tea pot, tea, sugar and "something for the side." But our pious shamus had none of those essentials except the kettle and pot. Everything else had to be conjured up from unknown places. But conjure up he did.

Let me explain. When the shteeble had neither coal nor wood the shamus behaved like a beach comber. He would collect bits of wood on the streets, lanes and discarded, broken chairs from second hand shops. But his major source of heating material came from the neighboring "rag shop." There he was allowed to take discarded, king-sized, well-bound office ledgers or journals. The junkyards knew what the shamus needed the journals for and did not begrudge the contribution.

After the "learners" settled down to their studies the shamus would disappear for a while. We all knew what he left for. He would visit groceries and fruit stores in the neighborhood and solicit slightly damaged fresh or dried fruit, a few spoonfuls of tea leaves and bits of hard sugar cubes. This, he assured the donors, was for "Yidden vos zitzen un lerner Toireh" ("Jews who were at that moment engaged in learning the holy Torah").

On his return the shamus got busy with lighting a fire inside the tall, pot-bellied "salefeeter" (self-heater) that stood to the rear of the shteeble. But the handful of wood did not produce enough heat to cause the water in the kettle -- away up on top of that stove -- to boil. To hasten the process, the shamus began tearing pages out of the ancient ledgers or journals and feed them, one sheet at a time, into the fire.

The learners, who were ready for the tea break, would throw glances at the stove and, in moments of quiet, would bend their ears to listen for the pre-boiling simmer of the kettle. Time dragged and one or another of the elders would look at the shamus and, in monosyllabic style say: "Nu?!" The shamus would assure the learners that it would be, "soon, soon."

The great moment finally arrived. The kettle was boiling! The filled tea pot was placed in the opening of the kettle from which the cover was removed. The books were carefully closed and moved to the side. The shamus brought glasses, a saucer containing bits of hard sugar, a larger dish filled with slightly frozen apples or partially rotting pears, the hot tea was poured and the beaming shamus would say: "Trinkt meine tyere Yidden. Trinkt un est eppes vet ihr hoben koyach tzu lernen," which, in translation, would roughly mean; "drink, my dear fellow-Jews, drink and partake of the fruit so that you may have strength to study the Lord's Torah."

I am sure no Chinese or English tea house ever brewed tea that could compare with the heavenly taste of our shamus' tea. As for the "with" that went with the tea well, frozen or slightly rotten, the fruit tasted divinely -- straight from the Garden of Eden . . . Refreshed and wide awake we would return with enthusiasm to the second hour of our studies.

But what happened while we sipped our glasses of tea and consumed the edible portions of the fruit that the shamus garnered from the nearby stores? Jews of the type that gathered at the shteeble just wouldn't engage in idle talk while partaking in the treat. The tea break was, for me at least, the supreme enjoyment of the evening. So if you're still interested, I'm willing to share those tea-breaks with you. But not now. (The editor stands over me with his measure in one hand and his scissors in the other.) Let's wait a week. After all these are winter nights so why not listen to an authentic Jewish winter's tale?

Dutch flags displayed in praiseful gesture

By MOSHE RON
CJN Jerusalem Correspondent

JERUSALEM -

The population of Israel is full of praise for the government and the heroic people of the Netherlands who have not given into extortion of the Arab countries as other European nations have done.

Hundreds of Israeli youngsters and members of kibbutzim thronged Tel Aviv streets on bicycles decorated with Dutch flags in order to express their solidarity with, and express their thanks to the heroic attitude of the people of the Netherlands, who had also saved the lives of many Jews during the time of Nazi occupation in the Second World War.

Outside the Tel Aviv municipality, Deputy Mayor Eliahu Speiser, the Netherland's Consul and the chairman of the Society for Solidarity with the Dutch people, Hillel Seidel, addressed the demonstrators and praised the attitude of the Dutch people.

Beersheba children have sent 16,000 postcards decorated with flowers to Dutch children. Kibbutz Shamir appealed to all kibbutzim in the land to show solidarity with the Dutch people. Israel will have a special stamp commemorating the saving of Jews in Holland 33 years ago.

Twenty-five Dutch drivers, who came to Israel recently with their trucks, have been welcomed with enthusiasm. Thousands of Israeli families have invited them to their homes and take them for trips around the country. In Ramat Hasharon, the Dutch ambassador took part in a ceremony renaming a square "Square of the Dutch People." Several organizations, kibbutzim, schools and students have sent letters to the Dutch ambassador and have expressed the thanks of the Israeli people. A special ship loaded with Israeli oranges will be sent to Rotterdam for the children of the Netherlands.

The mobilization in Israel has led to a situation in which many workers and clerks have had to leave their offices and factories, and scientists and students the universities. In some fields there is a shortage of labor. Some work, such as the picking of the citrus fruit crop cannot wait. Old-age pensioners have volunteered for this work and nowadays one can find many older workers, some in their 70s, in the citrus groves. Old-age pensioners are also working in offices, factories and business enterprizes. Some of them are even driving buses and trucks.

Pharaoh had Nazi-like solution to presence of Jewry in Egypt

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Shemot

The Pharaoh of Egypt was a brilliant man. Put yourself in his place. He was consumed with jealousy of the Jews. They were well off materially, and held important positions. Spiritually, the Jews kept themselves at the highest possible plane -- in fact, when their ancestor Jacob came down to Egypt with his family, he insisted that his son Judah first establish a yeshiva, before allowing his descendants to make the move.

So Pharaoh decided to make slaves out of the Jews. Why slaves? Because a slave is always busy at back-breaking, demeaning toil. When a slave goes home at night, does he have the patience or energy to think of spiritual matters, to study Torah, to pray? Like the Nazis thousands of years later, he wanted to dehumanize the Jewish people. And he almost succeeded. When the Jews entered Egypt, they were as magnificent as the stars of the heaven, **v'eleh shemot b'nai Yisroel**, "And these were the names of the children of Israel . . ."

Just as the Almighty calls each star by name, so was every Jew called by name. (Rashi) But 210 years later, when the Exodus took place, the Jewish people had fallen through the **mem-tet shaarei tum'ah**, the 49 "Gates of Impurity" . . . If the Jews had fallen just another step, they would have been lost.

We Jews face the same problem today -- being busy. We live in a rush world. There are our businesses, our professions, our homes to look after. When there is free time, we are busy relaxing, the Cotton Bowl, the Orange Bowl, the Super Bowl, the bowling leagues, the new plays . . . We're busy . . . But Judaism demands time. It takes time to put on tephillen, to say grace after meals, or to spend a few quiet moments with G-d. It takes time to sit down with our children and grandchildren and teach them a Bible story or a verse from the Prophets. We must be careful not to become our own Pharaohs.

But the Jews did survive. How? The Midrash teaches that it was in the merit of four things. They did not change their Jewish names. A child was given a Hebrew, not an Egyptian name. It is interesting that Prime Minister Trudeau chose a beautiful Hebrew name, Immanuel, for his son. Perhaps someday every Jewish parent will realize that Levi is as nice a name as Lawrence, Moshe as good as Mark (maybe even better), and Rachel as Roberta. A Jewish name helps give a young Jew a strong Jewish identity.

Secondly, the Jews spoke Hebrew, the Holy Tongue. In Jewish history, there have been a number of popular languages -- Aramaic, Yiddish -- but only Hebrew has, and will, remain eternally alive. Thirdly, the Jews of Egypt were chaste. Although they were slaves, they had enough self-respect, and respect for Jewish values, to reject the free-love society which existed in Egypt. Sexual licentiousness is the next step before total assimilation.

Finally, they did not speak ill of one another. Again and again in the Torah we see how vital it is that the brain wags the tongue, and not vice versa. Before we utter a word, and certainly before we speak of another Jew, we must ask ourselves: "Are these words necessary?" Shabbat Shalom.

Need for olim rejected as argument in favor of approach to identification with state

By RABBI BEN HOLLANDER

JERUSALEM

With the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath still occupying a foremost part of the consciousness and energies of Jews throughout the world, the call for increased aliyah is a natural concomitant.

Although obviously in favor of aliyah (especially after having received just recently my teudat oleh!), I am not sure that appeals like that of the guest editorial -- "Aliyah is seen only solution to an underpopulated Israel" by Joshua Bar-El, executive director of the Israel Aliyah Center -- in your Nov. 9 issue is the best way to go about increasing the flow of olim.

Israel's manpower need -- the argument for aliyah used in the editorial -- has been a challenge from the earliest days of Zionism on; however, clearly, this objective necessity by itself has never been sufficient to produce large-scale aliyah. For aliyah to become a live option for the North American Jew (in the otherwise fortunate absence of push factors) he must -- whether through religious experience, through study of the history of am yisrael, through Zionist activity, through visits or trial periods of living in Israel -- himself deeply and overwhelmingly feel the pull of Israel upon his innermost self.

Unless this personal identification with Israel has been developed by the prospective oleh, appeals for aliyah based on how much Israel needs him will prove to be self-defeating. For the reality facing the new oleh -- the bureaucratic frustrations, the closed and sometimes even hostile Israeli society, the often limited opportunities to contribute in the way he would like -- will quickly disabuse him of the notion that his "sacrifice" will be warmly appreciated. Moreover, there are even, ways -- through fund-raising and Jewish communal leadership -- that it might be argued that one can do more for Israel from abroad. No; it is apparent that aliyah must be based even more on an individual's yearning for Zion than on Zion's call for him.

Rabbi Ben Hollander

This makes things difficult for the Aliyah Center. In keeping with the editorial's approach, the Center has placed an advertisement for aliyah in the same issue of **The Canadian Jewish News**. But aliyah is not a subject for advertising. There is scarcely any perspective from which aliyah can make immediate sense to the average Canadian Jew -- economic, social, linguistic, cultural, educational, professional, even religious areas are among the problem spots for absorption. Besides these problems which existed even in "good times," we must of course add to the difficulties of aliyah the hardships that have been thrust upon Israel at this time and which seem inevitable in the foreseeable future.

Nor is it necessarily in the best interests of Israel, or true to the complex reality of Israel - Diaspora relationships, to force an either/or choice -- as the Aliyah Center's ad does -- between financial and political help from the Diaspora on the one hand, and "really" helping by aliyah to Israel on the other. I certainly agree that we need to be responsive to the human, as well as the financial needs of Israel and I believe that there is much room for practical idealism in this regard. But, as I once had occasion to observe in these pages, I think that temporary, trial, and part-time aliyah should be encouraged and facilitated -- for their own sake and as more natural avenues of aliyah (with more chance for successful adjustment) than the big once-and-for all move.

The Sherut L'Am framework, for example, ought to be broadened to a larger scale and include adults as well as college volunteers, and Machal needs to be emphasized anew. These should be seen by Diaspora Jewry as personal obligations to their Jewish past and future. All such programs must contain large components of Jewish study, so that the objective realities in Israel will more readily find meaningful subjective resonances within the visiting Jew.

But for full aliyah, the only motivation that does make sense -- and no one can be convinced of this by an advertisement -- is the gradual discovery that one is Jewish more deeply than he is anything else, and that one wants to live where he can most fully develop and express this essential quality of his being. Being Jewish has to come to matter more than one than how much one earns and the style in which one spends it; being Jewish has to matter so much that it becomes worthwhile to sacrifice other things for the possibility or maximizing it in Israel. Only then will the objective difficulties of aliyah pale into their proper insignificance.

If the North American Jew must first come to the realization of how much he can derive from being in the Jewish homeland before he is ready to live (and be prepared to die) for this ideal, then it is clearly the energies we spend on Jewish and Zionist education (for ourselves as well as our children) which help develop this response, which are the greatest insurance of an increased aliyah. It should be apparent that now more than ever we must devote ourselves to Jewish study and Jewish living (Jewish study in action) -- for Israel's sake now as well as our own. For most of world Jewry, Herzl's theory of aliyah as solving a political need was proven correct; it is presently North American Jewry's task to prove Ahad Ha-Am right in his belief that aliyah will grow out of an inner spiritual and cultural need.

It is somewhat difficult to say the following -- yet I feel it is necessary. I cannot help but think as I read **The CJN** and hints of the affluent life reflect from the advertisements alongside the ad for aliyah, and incongruously near the articles about the grave situation in Israel, that Israeli Jews are not the only Jews in the world who in the wake of the war must re-think their priorities and replace high living with concern for Jewish survival -- not only survival in the physical sense, but the survival of Jewish values that are the only thing that makes physical survival worthwhile. Judaism can so easily seem to be irrelevant or merely nostalgic fluff to a life that is busy pursuing the next rung on the ladder of success (but what happened when another people tried to reach heaven that way?!); it is, for example, not easy to express Jewish values while driving around in "the new Mercedes Benz," planning "a lavish wedding reception," going on "casino junkets" or spending "Christmas in Acapulco."

But it surely cannot be business as usual or life as usual for us anymore. We must, instead, have a serious reckoning with ourselves, if the ashamnu bagadnu of that fateful Yom Kippur was not to have been said in vain.

Rabbi Hollander is the former rabbi-in-charge of youth and education at Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto.

Organizations and People

By MIRIAM HERMAN

what's new...

TECHNION TOUR TO ISRAEL

In keeping with the need for continued tourism to Israel, the Canadian Technion Society is sponsoring a three-week tour, starting March 4. The tour, led by the organization's national president Louis Lockshin, will focus on Israel's future -- its plans for development of science, technology and industry. Information can be obtained through the Canadian Technion Toronto and Montreal offices.

Basya Hunter

DEBORAH SET TO MUSIC

The biblical story of Deborah, composed by S'rul Glick for the Canadian Brass Quintet, will be presented at Holy Blossom Temple Friday, Jan. 18. Toronto actress and teacher Basya Hunter is to be the narrator. The quintet will also perform **Five Miniatures** by Robert Starer and **Psalm 100** by Heinrich Shutz with organ. The concert follows the worship service which begins at 8:25 p.m.

AN AWARD FOR WINNIPEG

The Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada received the William J. Shroder award for 1973 "the establishment of the Jewish Museum of Western Canada and development of creative Jewish heritage and archival programs." It is only the second time since the award was established in 1953 that a first place plaque was presented to a Canadian city (the Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal won in 1969) but it is the first time the award has been presented for any Jewish historical project. The presentation was made at a joint meeting with the Manitoba Historical Society in Winnipeg recently.

LUBAVITCH CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

The Grand Chanukah Festival held by the Lubavitch Youth Organization was the high point of their Chanukah program which had included the distribution of toys to hospitalized children and menorahs to many families throughout the city. The festival was attended by more than 400 children and their parents. Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, LYO regional director, recounted the miracle of Chanukah drawing a parallel between the Maccabees and today's soldiers of Israel. Also on the program were performances by the Shira orchestra and Buster the Clown. The festival concluded with the distribution of Chanukah gelt, part of which the children donated to Israel.

JEWS FROM ARAB LANDS

There was a mix-up in the Dec. 28 item regarding Jews from Arab countries. It should have read -- Rabbi Mitchell Serels is in the process of forming a Canadian Association of Jewish Refugees from Arab Lands. This association of Jews born in the Arab world will be putting forth claims against Arab governments for confiscated property and valuables.

KABBALAH STUDY SERIES

A Kabbalah happening took place two weeks ago when a group of men and women met with Rabbi Zalman Schacter, head of the University of Manitoba's Near Eastern and Judaic studies department, for a two-day exploration of the subject. The meeting at Congregation Habonim was the kick-off for a study series on Kabbalah to begin Saturday, Jan. 19. The series is to be chaired by synagogue member Gershon Mathews under the guidance of Rabbi Schacter. No pre-registration is necessary. If you are interested, just attend the first meeting set for 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, Hollaman Rd.

VOICE OF YOUTH

Contributions are being sought for the **Voice of Youth** column, a weekly feature written by Yaacov Honig for **The Canadian Jewish News**. Any organization in which youth are involved are invited to make use of the column to publicize themselves and their programs. Mr. Honig would also be happy to receive news items about young people. He can be reached during the day at 368-5489 and in the evening at 781-7543.

B'NAI TORAH SISTERHOOD TEA

B'nai Torah Sisterhood is holding their annual tea Sunday, Jan. 20, from 2 - 5 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Halberstadt, 50 Charlton Blvd., Willowdale. For the beauty-minded, there is to be a cosmetic and beauty demonstration by Sheila Rose of Lubette Cosmetics, and a wig display by Fran-Liz Enterprises.

OAKVILLE CONGREGATION

Members of Beth El Congregation in Oakville can say that 1973 was a good year, congregation-wise that is. Not only did they welcome a new spiritual leader, Rabbi Nathan Liberman and his family to their community, but they were able to celebrate at a mortgage burning dinner-dance at which the original mortgage signers were honored. The year ended with a traditional Chanukah concert (complete with potatoe latkes) and a congregational New Year's party at the home of members Lawrence and Esther Miller.

Saul Tarnofsky (right), general chairman of the Montreal Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund, has announced the appointments of Marvin Walker (left) and Morton Brownstein as co-leaders of the People-to-People Mission Task Force. Their group will organize a record number of study missions to Israel in 1974. (Drummond Photos).

'Only way to evaluate situation'

Diaspora urged to tour Holy Land

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

Diaspora Jewry must now do more for Israel than simply give money, exhorts a well-known figure in Canadian Zionist affairs.

Jews should visit Israel in order to get to know its people, and be involved in the political discussions now taking place, said Revisionist leader Ben Milner.

"This is the only way to really evaluate the situation. We shouldn't go there like a tourist admiring pretty architecture."

The president of the Revisionist Movement of Eastern Canada told **The Canadian Jewish News** that a fully aware and involved Diaspora would not only contribute more to Appeal campaigns and Bonds, but would guarantee Jewish continuity and survival.

He criticized the lack of visible support for Israel following the war, saying not enough adults and children manifested their solidarity with the Jewish state.

The associate chairman for the Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds organization stressed all expenditures of funds overseas should be carefully scrutinized. He was critical of the way the Jewish Agency and some other organizations duplicate their work functions, sometimes spending money which could be allocated for Israeli needs.

He also admonished the Diaspora's complacency before the outbreak of war, saying too many people considered Israel's plea for funds a "gimmick".

"When Sapir visited us and said he has to cut back on funds for defence because not enough money is coming from abroad for humanitarian purposes, we took it for a gimmick to raise money," he deplored.

"We want to demonstrate our feelings to the people of Israel. They are the ones who have to suffer so greatly," agreed Marvin Walker and Marty Brownstein, CJA co-chairmen. "Our contribution in money is really only minor, and there is more that we can do."

Brownstein and Walker are in the midst of planning a series of people-to-people missions: visits to Israel intended to draw Canada's affluent way of life closer to the rock and guts existence of Israel Jewry.

...about people

A 32 year-old former Torontonian (graduate of Forest Hill Collegiate and the Borochov School) is now serving with his artillery unit on the southern front at the Suez Canal. **David Appel**, who went to Israel 10 years ago and later graduated from the Hebrew University Law School, was mobilized on Yom Kippur. He and his Israeli-born wife **Ruthi** have two sons, **Roni**, age seven, and **Jonathon** who is one year old. Mr. Appel is the son of **Israel** and **Rose Appel** of Toronto.

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With the rabbis -- **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg** inaugurates a new TV show this week. He is host and moderator of **Cross Examination** which airs for the first time on Metro Cable Channel 10, Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. (and every Tuesday after that with repeats on Mondays at 9:30 p.m.). The show format is "an examination of social and human issues facing us today" and the rabbi has already line-up quite a list of guests -- politicians, newspapermen, psychiatrists, social workers -- who will be talking about everything from abortion to hockey to Watergate. Meanwhile, the rabbi's wife **Hadassah Rosenberg**, is knee-deep in plans for an art and archeology tour of Israel. Mrs. Rosenberg, who teaches literature and Near Eastern studies at the University of Toronto, and who, by the way, is a fifth generation sabra, plans to lead the group, limited to 40 persons, leaving March 4. The two week tour is to be a look at old and new Israel. . . **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** of Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda will be representing Canadian Jewry at the inauguration of Canada's new governor general **Jules Leger** in Ottawa Monday, Jan. 14. He goes as national secretary of the Religious Affairs Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress . . . **Rabbi Bernard Baskin** of Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton, has accepted an appointment to the national Interfaith Commission of American Reform Judaism, one of a series of joint committees of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Rabbi Baskin is **The CJN**'s book reviewer.

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Metro Toronto Council Chairman **Paul Godfrey** is to be the honoree at the Canyon Lodge B'nai B'rith sixth annual Speaker of the Year breakfast Sunday, Jan. 27. He will make his address at about 10:15 a.m. at the breakfast in the Noshery Golden Doors at Yorkdale Plaza.

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Canadian Jewish News Editor **Ralph Hyman** and wife **Edith** ended the old year by welcoming a brand new grandson. **Michael Aaron**, son of **Roger and Harriet Hyman**, and brother of **Jonathan**, was born Dec. 27. That makes number five grandchild for the Hymans.

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Milton Israel, associate chairman of the University of Toronto's history department (he's a specialist in modern India) has been appointed a university vice-provost. This means he will be responsible for the arts and science faculty and the graduate studies school.

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When semi-retired painting contractor **David Wasserman** heard that there was a call for tefillin for Israeli soldiers at the battle front, he decided to do something about it. As unofficial fund-raiser at the Lubavitcher Shul on Edinburgh Dr. in Downsview, he made a special appeal at synagogue services a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to Mr. Wasserman and the 60-member congregation, 17 pairs of tefillin are already on their way to Israel.

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Larry Szpirglass, a physical education graduate from McMaster University, is now physical education director of the Bloor Branch 'Y'. A member of the 'Y' 's own Senior A basketball team, he took over from **Morris Erlich** who resigned to go into business.

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Norman Englander's bravery has not gone unnoticed by the borough of North York. You may recall that he was kicked into unconsciousness when he tried to stop a youth from choking a young woman at a north Yonge St. plaza last summer. Well he was awarded a medallion for bravery by North York council recently.

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North York, North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge St., Mon. 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
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in my view

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL -

The Daughters of the Sons of the Covenand began the new year with a lesson in Jewish responsibility which should stay with them at least until Simchat Torah.

That is the occasion for Jews to rejoice and recall the time the Torah was handed to them -- the Torah containing the full exposition of the Covenant of Judaism.

Literally translated, B'nai B'rith means Sons of the Covenant, and when one of the first phone calls I received in 1974 was from a B'nai B'rith women's chapter, inviting me to be their guest speaker, as usual I was flattered and happy to accept, until:

Until, I asked where the meeting was to be held, and it turned out to be one of the many non-Jewish restaurants where Jewish groups, through the years, have held their luncheon and dinner meetings in a spirit of penultimate tolerance and liberalism, leaving it to the individual to order according to his taste and conscience.

I pointed out to the gracious lady that the time had come for organizations which are part of the organized Jewish community structure, to forego this misguided liberalism, and the B'nai B'rith particularly, whose awesome induction ceremonies makes such a big thing of protecting the Covenant of Judaism, should cut out this kind of nonsense.

However, I added, since the invitation and acceptance were made in good faith, I said I would be glad to appear, providing I could speak on my favored subject of the moment:

The disgraceful phenomenon of a prestigious world-wide organization such as B'nai B'rith, exerting so little influence on the individual units in matters of observing and respecting the basic traditions and precepts of the Judaic code.

The lady on the other end of the line was silent, appeared thunderstruck at my suggestion, said "you are right, of course," and added she would get back to me as soon as she consulted with other executives.

Back she did get, with the embarrassed and diplomatic comment that the executives hardly thought the proposed subject for my address would be appropriate at this particular time.

In other words -- cancelled!

Well, if my victory was somewhat pyrrhic, then it is nothing more or less than I deserved; but if we are to examine this kind of phenomenon in the context of the ladies and gentlemen of B'nai B'rith and their inability to sensitize themselves to the effects of holding official gatherings where non-kosher food is provided as a synthetic white-and-blue plate special, then their victory of cuisine over Covenant, is empty, indeed.

It seems to me that an organization such as B'nai B'rith, which has been responsible for some of the finest achievements in American-Jewish life including and particularly its anti-defamation program which is both effective and respected, also has the responsibility of maintaining the image of Jewish integrity and credibility through the individual chapters and units.

There have been occasions, for example, where top echelon of the Montreal and Canadian B'nai B'rith executives have been frustrated and embarrassed by non-Jewish speakers invited by some chapters who indulged in the most blatant and simplistic appraisals of the "Jewish position" in Quebec and Canadian life, and even another speaker, notorious as a successful entrepreneur in the world's oldest profession.

I can tell you that senior BB officials have been upset and angry about these incidents, but hesitated to do anything that might alienate and antagonize members of the chapters concerned.

However, in the matter of kosher food served at any function where the name B'nai B'rith is proudly and prominently displayed, then I feel it is the responsibility of the senior executive to begin moving toward an official policy that would ban such gatherings in places where spare ribs are a popular choice.

Dave Marks (left), UJA campaign director, and Cantor A.E. Kirshblum, president of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim, display cheque for $16,000 realized from recent cantorial concert at Toronto's Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. The money went to UJA–ISF campaign.

UJA cantorial concert raises $16,000

TORONTO -

This city's first major snowstorm of the year in no way deterred more than 800 people from coming out to hear a cantorial concert at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue recently. Over $16,000 was raised from the sale of tickets at $5 each, and through other contributions, with all proceeds going to the 1974 United Jewish Appeal - Israel Special Fund emergency campaign.

Featured with the combined choir of 70 male voices from Shaarei Shomayim and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda synagogues, were Cantors Moshe Stern of New York and Ben Zion Miller who takes up cantorial duties at Shaarei Tefillah in April.

Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum of Adath Israel Synagogue, president of the Toronto Council of Hazzanin, credits Alex Eisen, past president of B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation, with raising a major portion of the $16,000 in this first such project ever organized on behalf of UJA.

The council, which numbers 25, represents all three Jewish denominations, and according to Cantor Kirshblum, is now involved with the Canadian Jewish Congress in launching a program of rendering services to outlying areas in Ontario to help spread Jewish music to small communities.

The council also provides monthly concerts for the residents of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. A concert at the Ezra Kadima school for retarded Jewish children is scheduled for some time in June, 1974.

Trade fair draws crowd but success undetermined

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

They came in empty handed. They left with parcels under their arms and scores of brochures in their hands. The event was the Israeli Fair held at the Associated Hebrew School and sponsored by no less than 21 different local Jewish organizations.

The crowd, estimated at over 2,500 at the day-long event, was one indication of the fair's success. Another indication, according to New Yorker David Landau who directed the event, will be whether stores in the next month report increased sales of Israeli-made products.

One of the first things to catch the visitor's eye was a huge red stop sign which read: "Stop - Put on Tefillin." It was here at the Lubavitch stand that women were handed a pair of candles for the next Shabbat and men were asked, "have you put on tefillin today?" Those that answered negatively were gently encouraged to do so, and while cash registers elsewhere rang with sales of Israeli plastic furniture, ornate chanukiyahs (menorahs), spice boxes for havdalah, and something called "Dead Sea bath salts," men were at the Lubavitch stand davening with borrowed tefillin.

"Problems, problems -- they're all on account of my loving you like I do," were the words of a song greeting the crowd watching a movie on a mini-screen at the aliyah stand. The theme -- we don't promise you a rose garden . . . only the promised land -- was used on brochures to help publicize aliyah month (Shevat - Feb. and March) and to attempt to answer questions of potential olim.

While a band of teenagers played Israeli music in the background, Deena Edelstein, president of the junior high school student council at Associated Hebrew School, appealed for funds for a hospital in Netanya, two teenagers answered questions about Hashomer Hatzair's summer camp, and young people walked around in the uniforms of such movements as Betar.

At the Pioneer Women stand, Etty Danzig talked about the success of their organization's recent "Dollars for David" project. Not only did they receive very generous Chanukah contributions to help children in Israel, but, Mrs. Danzig noted: "Many of the contributions from children were accompanied by very moving letters. It was so successful, we hope to make it an annual event."

Peace prospect talk planned

TORONTO -

A public meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m., at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue at which Israel Major-General David Ofer will deal with the topic of **Prospects for a Lasting Peace in the Middle East**.

Sponsoring the meeting is the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region.

Born in Romania in 1919, Maj.-Gen. Ofer emigrated to Israel with his parents in 1924. He attended primary and high school in Haifa, graduating from the Bialik High School in that city.

During World War II, Ofer served in the Jewish brigade of the British army from September 1940 to October 1946. He rose to the rank of major before the conclusion of the war. During Israel's War of Independence, he served as a battalion commander.

Maj.-Gen. Ofer, former commander of the Southern District, including Jerusalem, is presently commander of the Central District Command in charge of security. He was officer in charge of Eichman's security during the investigation and trial.

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This Year, qualified employees will be entitled to four statutory holidays with pay: Good Friday, Labour Day, Dominion Day, and Christmas Day

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Travel

Seeing and being seen is mystique of resort

MIAMI BEACH –

When Barbra Streisand sings of people needing people, many people here can't help but think this has to be "their song" for the more than two million tourists who flock every year to this popular sanctuary of sun, sea, sand and sequins.

For people whose thing is togetherness with other vacationers, Miami Beach certainly puts it all together with hundreds of splendiferous resort hotels and motels, side by side in an incredibly stunning array along the palm tree-studded oceanfront. Even the little offshore islands are not alone in the softly rippling turquoise waters but compatibly linked to all the action of Miami Beach by spiraling lengths of sleek causeways.

What is the Miami Beach mystique? It's the crowd – the excitement of people who come here to see and be seen. Sure, there are thrilling jai alai games, soccer, football; terrific golf courses and tennis courts; horse races at flamingo-filled Hialeah and dog races at the beautiful Miami Beach Kennel Club; excellent fishing and boating. Sight-seeing can be a colorful whirl of jungles (orchid and parrot), a serpentarium, seaquarium, museums, mansions. And window-shopping or souvenir-shopping is fun on fabulous Lincoln Mall.

But people watching (which includes hotel hopping) is what Miami Beach is all about. Soon after sunset, the people watchers make the rounds of the luxury hotels and sit patiently in the ornate lobbies, "oohing" and "ahing" at the flamboyant fashions dripping with sequins and beads. Or there are occasional lightning flashes from Elizabeth Taylor-type diamonds. Celebrity spotting gets into the act, too, since at least 50 hotels feature mini-Hollywood productions, starring the most famous names in show business. ("Isn't that Jackie Gleason over there with George Jessel? I hear they live in Miami Beach.")

Along cabana bordered, beachfront Collins Avenue, there are at least four superstar luxury hotels in a row, all with mindboggling attractions. The grand Fontainebleau is a belle epoque in its own time, complete with gardens a la Louis XIV, the elegant Eden Roc is Riviera style with its own yacht club and joie de vivre night club show, the Doral boasts five golf courses, a separate country club, 12 tennis courts. The Playboy Plaza is a playground paradise with two wading pools for children near the emperor-sized salt water pool for adults.

Almost all Miami Beach hotel pools seem big enough to accommodate an armada. From the single tourist to the more prevalent family groups, new friendships begin flowing as smoothly as the sea of sun tan lotions applied to the bronzing bodies packed around the swimming pools. ("Looks like this is your first time in the sun. Here, try some of this coconut oil stuff -- it's great.")

The poolside scene is conversation cum sun tanning, with the plus factor of bikini watching. More address books are filled here than at any other place under the vacation sun. ("Don't forget to look us up when you get back to Boston.") In fact, many learn that the success of a repeat vacation at the same Miami Beach hotel is based on whether the guest meets with as many sociable guests as the previous year. Since most of the hotels feature such an eventful social program, from get acquainted fiestas to moonlight cruises, there is something -- and someone -- for everybody.

Just when one begins to wonder how a Miami Beach vacationer finds time to leave his hotel and look into the happenings at others, he learns that many of the hotels have reciprocal agreements. This means you can stay at one hotel but dine at another, and attend a really big night club show perhaps featuring Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, or Tom Jones, or Andy Williams.

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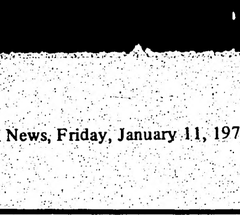

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University opens for military

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The 19th academic year has opened at Bar-Ilan University at Ramat Gan -- nearly two months after the date originally scheduled. The overall student attendance is approximately 70% because of the continuing mobilization of the Israeli armed forces.

Speaking at the opening ceremony recently, the rector, Professor Menahem Zevi Kaddari, said Bar-Ilan was starting the new academic year in order to contribute to the regularization of life in the country in spite of the mobilization. The university would face many problems but was determined to complete the full academic year.

The rector announced several measures which had been taken to meet the new situation. Faculty members had decided that those not mobilized would take on the additional work load of standing in for their colleagues away in the army. The university would remain open all summer for a third semester to make it possible for soldiers to have a full study year. There would be no lowering of academic standards.

Students and faculty members would maintain contact with soldiers at the front by supplying them with notes and bibliographies. Every department had a team of special advisers for consultation by those in the army.

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School appoints director

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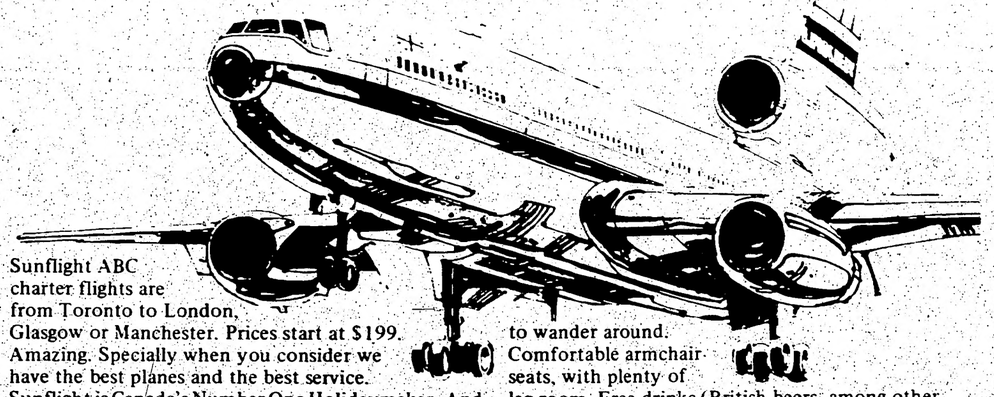

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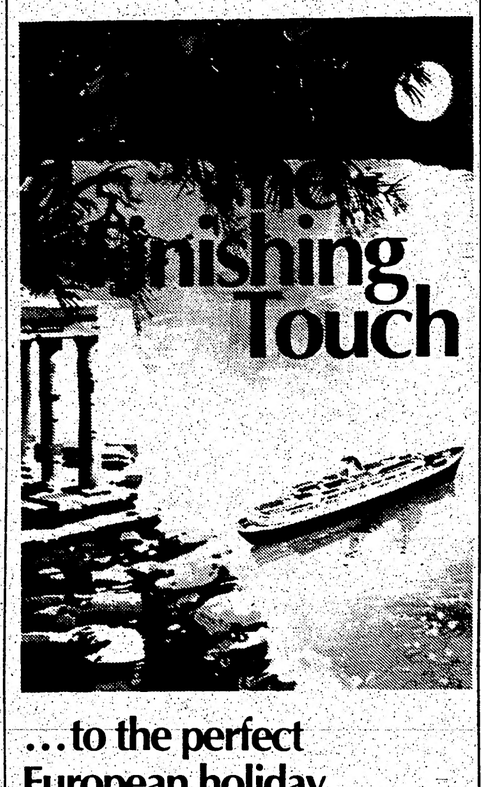

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Woody Allen as Miles Monroe in the movie Sleeper is crowned, sceptered, robed and bedecked with roses as winner of the national beauty contest in this futuristic farce.

Woody Allen 'black' comedy film triumphs over everything sacred

By FRANK MICHAEL

Sigmund Freud, in his **Analysis of Jokes and Humour**, describes "gallows" or "black" humour as the pseudo-triumph over death through mockery and evasion. Woody Allen, whose comedy has always been couched in these Freudian terms, finally makes the subconscious explicit in **Sleeper** -- the heart re-warming story of a lovable "shlimazel" who is thawed out from his Reynolds-Wrapped state of suspended animation in the year 2173.

The result is a temporary, but real enough triumph over everything sacred, serious, or the least bit significant.

The "shlimazel", created by Allen, of course, is Miles Monroe -- a jazz buff, psycho-diagnostic enigma, and part-owner of a Greenwich Village health-food store, who passed away in 1973 while undergoing minor surgery for a peptic ulcer.

The futuristic society into which Allen's off-beat Van Winkle wakes is science fiction's standard Orwellian model: sterile, computerized and totalitarian, complete with thought-control, "feely" machines, and a class of indentured robots.

On film, the basic "brave new world" bit can be a monstrous bore. But Allen's perverse comic genius -- which defines "futuristic" as "something with the body of a crab and the head of a social-worker" -- generates a satirical war between the contemporary and future worlds which renders them both refreshingly ludicrous.

By 2173, the United States as Miles Monroe knew it has ceased to exist, having been destroyed by a nuclear warhead unleashed by one Albert Chancre. Headlines and the men who made them are mere artifacts: Howard Cosell is assessed as a form of torture used on political prisoners; Norman Mailer is on record as having donated his ego to Harvard Medical School; and Richard Nixon, of whom all historical traces have been wiped out, is suspected of having committed some heinous crime. Most poignantly, tobacco and fatty foods have been proven beneficial to health.

In Chaplinesque tradition, **Sleeper** is essentially a one-man show, sustained by Woody Allen's one-liners, sight-gags and slapstick. His clowning is complemented by imaginative, uncluttered sets and an efficient, unobtrusive supporting-cast.

Allen's nihilistic variant on "gallows" humor rejects scientific, political, psychological or religious solutions, and professes belief only in "sex and death." His pre-occupation with the former can make audiences uncomfortable, too, when it verges on the sick and morbid.

Uproar caused by cancelling drama is out of place judging by content

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Editor's Note:
This column was written prior to the CBC announcement that it had reversed its earlier decision and now will televise the Mordecai Richler play, The Bells of Hell.

In the past, I have been critical of CBC entertainment policies; specifically, their frequent tendency to eschew true innovation in favor of either tried-and-true American performers or local homogenized mediocrity. Their erroneous hiring policies usually result in bush-league mentalities in control, completely ignoring the more sophisticated tastes of the large cities, where an increasing majority of Canadians live.

Too many times, highly imaginative programs have been rejected or dropped in favor of colossal bombs such as **Jalna**.

Right now, a major stink is being raised by the Toronto journalistic "establishment" over CBC entertainment chief Thom Benson's initial decision to cancel Mordecai Richler's TV drama **The Bells of Hell**. **The Toronto Star**, not usually noted for flaming radicalism, went so far as to run a feature editorial in its Saturday edition, headlining Benson's move as being "dumb dumb dumb." I haven't seen **The Bells**, but if the **Globe and Mail** summary of the plot is accurate, I feel compelled to be the lone voice of defiance and agree, for once, with the CBC.

Of course it's not the sex that I object to. What I do strongly dislike is the subplot involving a Jewish doctor who, according to the **Globe** (Dec. 29, p. 2) is "probably murdering his patients, and who is certainly forcing them through their medical fears to increase their contributions to Jewish fund-raising schemes."

Richler meant this to be funny; to me it is not. It goes far beyond the "knock-everybody" ethnic repartee of **All in the Family**; it even goes beyond the self-hatred caricatures of Portnoy. If the author of such a tale was a Gentile, it would be universally condemned as being the work of a bigot. In short, this is sinister anti-Semitism that, especially in the light of the energy crisis, is something that all Canadians can do without.

I'm not blanketly condemning Richler; indeed, to compare this television play to anything else which he has written is besides the point. What's under my attack is specifically this particular passage: nothing more or less. "Freedom of expression" is a moot point here; after all, every staged rendition of Chaucer's **Canterbury Tales** has quietly but effectively omitted the blatantly anti-Semitic Prioress' Tale.

The fact that production work on the show was begun in the first place without a prior reading by Thom Benson is completely inexcusable, and this is not the first time that this has happened at 354 Jarvis Street. But this complaint of administrative indecision does not at all negate my firm wish that **The Bells of Hell** not be shown over the air.

I only wonder why all of these Toronto literary establishment critics did not raise similar hell and high water when, on the first night of the Yom Kippur War, the CBC cancelled a TV screening of the movie **Exodus**.

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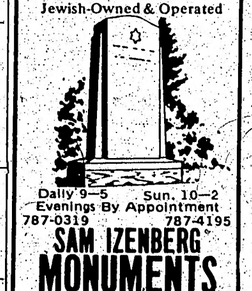

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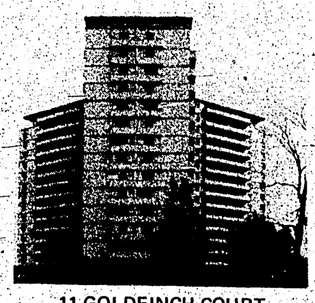

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Allan Bronfman (left), honorary chairman of the 1973 Montreal Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund, is presented by Simon Cobrin, with the first Golda Meir medal to be awarded to Montreal campaign workers.

Unnecessary visits reduced

Phone service improves lot of former hospital patients

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL –

A telephone answering service has improved the lot of the discharged public patient at the Jewish General Hospital. The service, inaugurated last August by the hospital's department of medicine, facilitates contact between the former ward patient and the staff members who treated him.

Dr. J. L. Brandt, the director of the department of medicine, planned the program with Benita Cramer of the Hospital's social service department.

Since August, each public patient, upon leaving the hospital, has received a card listing his ward number, discharge date and unit number plus the names of the hospital staff who treated him. The card also gives the phone number of the answering service, should the patient wish to contact any member of his medical team.

When he calls in, he identifies himself with the information on the card. Mrs. Cramer collects the messages from the answering service operator twice a day and relays them to the staff concerned.

Ordinarily, former inpatients without private physicians have trouble reaching their resident to ask questions about post-discharge treatment.

When they come to the outpatient clinic, they are often forced to establish a relationship with a different physician. They may become anxious and feel there is no longer a personal interest in their welfare.

Dr. Brandt says the new communication system has improved the patient-staff relationship and reduced the number of unnecessary clinic visits.

Autistic group's head dies of cancer at 47

TORONTO –

Mrs. Corinne Gross, 47, founder and president of the Ontario Society For Autistic Children, died of cancer on Dec. 30.

Mrs. Gross, herself the mother of an autistic child, felt deeply about the lack of understanding and physical facilities necessary to help these children.

Late in 1972, she enlisted the aid of a few parents and began educating the public regarding, not only the needs of the children, but of their very existence. In this she was very successful and leaves to the autistic child a legacy of a cohesive association with members from all over Ontario, who are ready to assure him the opportunity to fulfil his potential.

In an article on Mrs. Gross and her society, in November of 1972, **The Canadian Jewish News** said credit for an increased awareness of this unique mental disorder is largely due to them.

Mrs. Gross was a former New York model who came to Canada at the time of her marriage to Jules in 1951. When stricken with cancer, she was working on her master of arts degree in sociology at the University of Toronto.

As well as her husband Jules, she leaves three children, Jonathan, 19, Marjorie, 17 and Adam, 12.

World Jewish Congress recognizes pro-Israeli sympathies of the Dutch

MONTREAL –

The World Jewish Congress will be holding its plenary assembly in The Hague in April, and although plans were established prior to the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, Congress believes it is appropriate now more than ever to recognize the valor of the Dutch people.

"World Jewry is deeply touched by the pro-Israel sympathies expressed by the Dutch people," said Alan Rose, associate executive-director of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"The Arabs needed a scapegoat, and they chose Holland. They wanted to show the world that any country with a pro-Israel posture would be cut off from oil."

Rose said that countries which succumbed to the demands of the oil producing states are considered "good boys," and they would have their oil supplies restored and maintained.

Yet despite Arab blackmail attempts the Dutch people have continued to be the best friends of Israel in Europe." We recognize the Dutch government must be beholden to the European community, and yet the government is reluctant to hold an anti-Israel stance.

Rose explained that the Dutch people have a deep and bitter memory of the occupation and catastrophe which overwhelmed them and Dutch Jewry in the Second World War.

"The memory of the destruction of Dutch Jewry plays a very important part in Dutch life. Anti-Semitism was never an issue in Dutch history, and the country was deeply moved by the appalling condition of Jewry after the war," he added.

Saul Hayes appointed O.C. officer

OTTAWA –

Canadian Jewish Congress Executive Vice-President Saul Hayes has been appointed an officer of the Order of Canada. The official announcement was made by the Governor General of Canada Roland Michener, the chancellor and principal champion of the Order.

The Order of Canada was established in 1967 as "an official method of bestowing recognition on worthy citizens." The Order's motto, translated from Latin, is: "They desire a better country." The appointment entitles Hayes to use the initials O.C. after his name.

The well-known Jewish leader has appeared on a number of occasions before government and royal commissions as well as legislative committees, before the senate on amendments to the Canadian Immigration Act, before the Industrial Relations standing committee requesting fair employment practises, and before the special committee of the House for amendments to the criminal code.

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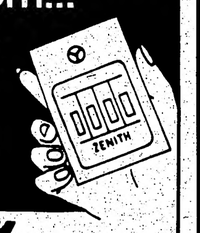
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